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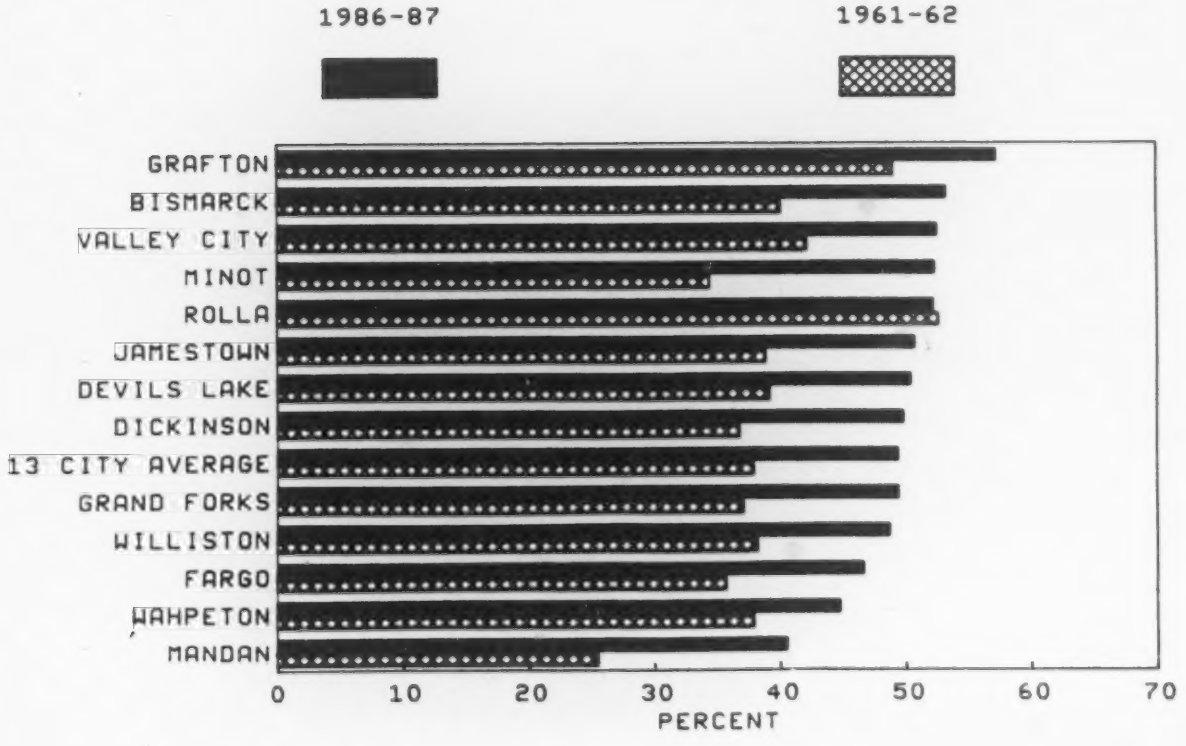

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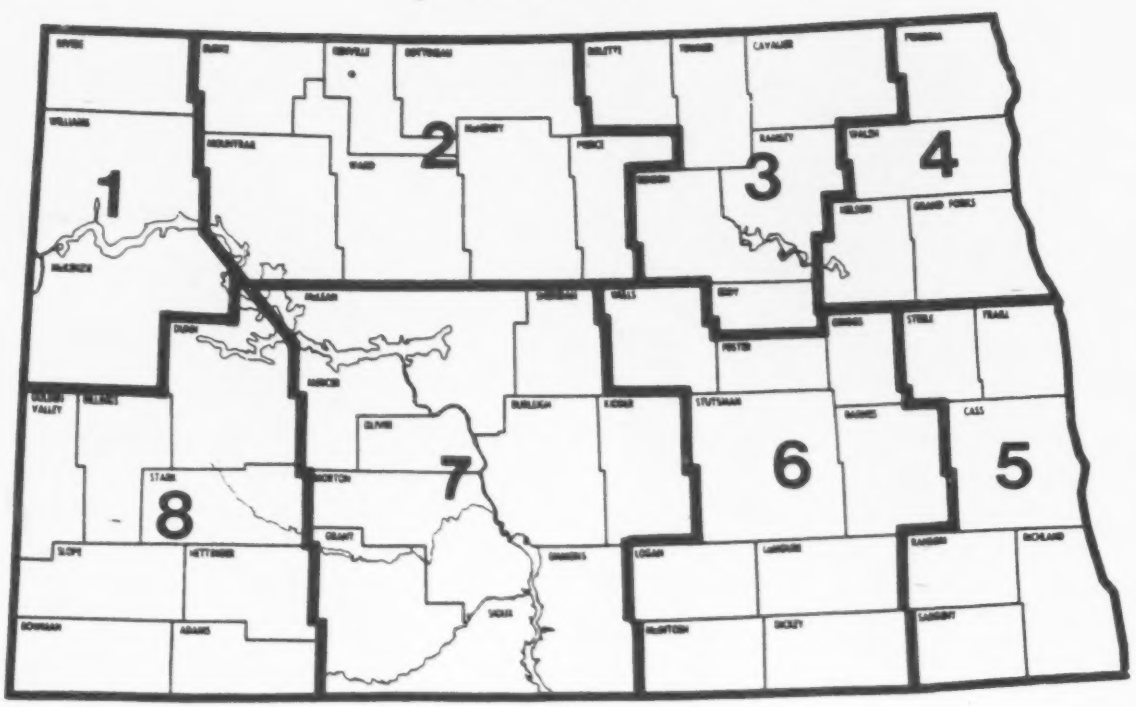

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WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE

A 25-YEAR COMPARISON

The March 1988 edition of the Labor Market Advisor contained an article comparing the employment data from local employment surveys of the past 25 years in 13 of North Dakota's largest cities. In addition to showing substantial employment growth, North Dakota's cities have seen significant changes in the composition of their labor force. One of the most notable is the tremendous increase in the number of female workers.

While total employment grew by 123 percent during the past 25 years in these 13 cities, female employment increased by 198 percent. Put another way, women accounted for 37.1 percent of the total employment in the surveyed communities in 1961-62. By 1986-87, the figure had risen to 49.4 percent.

North Dakota's women workers have made some inroads to industries which have high concentrations of blue collar and other traditional male occupations. The percentage of female employees in construction rose from 4.0 in 1961-62 to 8.4 in 1986-87; in manufacturing from 22.1 to 25.8; and in transportation, communication, and public utilities from 18.9 to 25.4. The percentage in mining, however, decreased from 16.9 to 12.8.

Still, the largest concentrations of female employees are found in the services; finance, insurance, and real estate; government; and trade industries. The services industry, whose percent of female employees rose from 66.2 in 1961-62 to 70.1 in 1986-87, and the finance, insurance, and real estate industry, whose percent rose from 51.5 to 64.4, are the only two industries where more than half of their employees are women. Government had the largest change in the percentage, increasing from 34.8 to 48.2 during the past 25 years. Trade rose from 37.7 to 47.1 percent over the same period.

A look at the industry mix of the local economies partially explains the variance in the percentage of women workers from city to city. In 1986-87, seven cities--Grafton, Bismarck, Valley City, Minot, Rolla, Jamestown, and Devils Lake--were all over the symbolic 50 percent mark. Each of these cities has proportionately large services, retail trade, and government industries. Grafton, where government is the dominant industry because of the Grafton State School, has the highest proportion of female workers--57.2 percent. Conversely, Mandan, with relatively large construction, manufacturing, and transportation, communication, and public utilities industries, had the lowest--40.5 percent.

The influx of women into the labor market is evident when comparing these 1986-87 numbers with the 1961-62 figures. Twenty-five years ago, the percent of female workers ranged from a low of 25.5 in Mandan to a high of 52.6 percent in Rolla, with most of the remaining cities in the 35-40 percent bracket. Minot's female percentage rose from 34.4 to 52.3, for the largest change in the percent of female employment. In all, 10 of the 13 cities saw the percentage of women workers increase by at least 10 points.

When comparing these figures, it is important to remember that the local employment surveys measure city employment only. Rural areas, with limited availability of jobs traditionally held by women such as office clerical positions, usually have a much lower percentage of women in their labor force.

Census data shows that women outnumber men in these cities, further indicating that women may tend to be drawn to locations with the greatest potential for jobs. Additionally, these figures are for nonagricultural wage and salary workers only. The category of self-employed individuals, which generally has a lower percentage of females, is not included.

The increased number of farm wives working in nearby cities to supplement farm income has been suggested as a reason for the higher female percentages.

Also contributing to the growth in the number of female workers in North Dakota cities, is the increased usage of part-time workers by many employers. Recent surveys showed that about two-thirds of the part-time workers in North Dakota are women. Not surprisingly, the highest concentrations of the traditional female jobs are in the faster growing services, retail trade, and finance, insurance, and real estate industries--those with the highest percentage of part-time workers.

We're probably all aware of the growing number of women entering the labor market, but perhaps we underestimated the magnitude of the trend. As noted in the comparisons above, the percent of the total employment comprised of women rose, on the average, about 1 percent every two years. While its doubtful this rate of growth will continue, it is a safe assumption that working women will increase in number and in their impact on North Dakota's labor market.

Copies of any local employment survey can be obtained by contacting the Research and Statistics Section of Job Service at the address on the back page or by calling toll-free 1-800-732-9787 in North Dakota. Individuals in the Bismarck-Mandan area or out of state should call 701-224-2868.

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NORTH DAKOTA

(ROUNDED TO FIFTY)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH JUNE 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH MAY 1988	ONE YEAR AGO JUNE 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH MAY 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR JUNE 1987
TOTAL	258,450	257,400	255,550	0.4%	1.1%
MINING	4,400	4,250	4,050	3.5%	8.6%
COAL	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,800	2,700	2,400	3.7%	16.7%
OTHER MINING	500	450	550	11.1%	-9.1%
CONSTRUCTION	11,300	10,200	12,600	10.8%	-10.3%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	3,000	2,600	3,200	15.4%	-6.3%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	3,200	2,800	3,700	14.3%	-13.5%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,100	4,800	5,700	6.3%	-10.5%
MANUFACTURING	16,000	15,850	15,900	0.9%	0.6%
DURABLE GOODS	6,850	6,700	6,800	2.2%	0.7%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	800	750	850	6.7%	-5.9%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	900	800	800	12.5%	12.5%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	4,000	4,000	3,900	0.0%	2.6%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,150	1,150	1,250	0.0%	-8.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,150	9,150	9,100	0.0%	0.5%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,250	4,250	4,500	0.0%	-5.6%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,250	1,250	1,700	0.0%	-26.5%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	500	450	350	11.1%	42.9%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,700	1,750	1,650	-2.9%	3.0%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,500	2,500	2,200	0.0%	13.6%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,800	16,700	16,200	0.6%	3.7%
TRANSPORTATION	8,500	8,500	8,200	0.0%	3.7%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	5,100	4,900	4,800	4.1%	6.3%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,400	3,600	3,400	-5.6%	0.0%
COMMUNICATION	3,400	3,400	3,200	0.0%	6.3%
UTILITIES	4,900	4,800	4,800	2.1%	2.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH JUNE 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH MAY 1988	ONE YEAR AGO JUNE 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH MAY 1988	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR JUNE 1987
WHOLESALE TRADE	20,000	19,800	19,800	1.0%	1.0%
DURABLE GOODS	9,400	9,300	9,200	1.1%	2.2%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,600	10,500	10,600	1.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	49,400	49,200	48,700	0.4%	1.4%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,300	6,300	6,100	0.0%	3.3%
FOOD STORES	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	0.0%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,700	6,600	6,800	1.5%	-1.5%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER RETAIL	27,100	27,000	26,500	0.4%	2.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,450	12,300	12,700	1.2%	-2.0%
FINANCE	6,600	6,600	6,900	0.0%	-4.3%
BANKING	4,100	4,100	4,200	0.0%	-2.4%
OTHER FINANCE	2,500	2,500	2,700	0.0%	-7.4%
INSURANCE	4,000	3,900	3,900	2.6%	2.6%
REAL ESTATE	1,850	1,800	1,900	2.8%	-2.6%
SERVICES	63,600	63,200	61,000	0.6%	4.3%
LODGING	4,200	4,200	4,300	0.0%	-2.3%
HEALTH SERVICES	27,100	26,800	26,400	1.1%	2.7%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,900	19,700	19,500	1.0%	2.1%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	7,200	7,100	6,900	1.4%	4.3%
OTHER SERVICES	32,300	32,200	30,300	0.3%	6.6%
GOVERNMENT	64,500	65,900	64,600	-2.1%	-0.2%
FEDERAL	10,300	10,100	10,400	2.0%	-1.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	18,700	20,100	18,900	-7.0%	-1.1%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	11,300	13,000	11,400	-13.1%	-0.9%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	7,400	7,100	7,500	4.2%	-1.3%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	35,500	35,700	35,300	-0.6%	0.6%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	15,800	17,900	15,700	-11.7%	0.6%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,700	17,800	19,600	10.7%	0.5%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	JUNE 1988	MAY 1988	JUNE 1987	MAY 1988	JUNE 1987
TOTAL	73,050	74,200	70,500	-1.5%	3.6%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	4,100	3,700	4,000	10.8%	2.5%
MANUFACTURING	5,050	4,900	5,000	3.1%	1.0%
DURABLE GOODS	2,200	2,100	2,200	4.8%	0.0%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,850	2,800	2,800	1.8%	1.8%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,900	4,800	4,400	2.1%	11.4%
TRADE	21,700	21,700	21,100	0.0%	2.8%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	15,000	15,000	14,400	0.0%	4.2%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,600	4,600	4,500	0.0%	2.2%
SERVICES	19,100	19,900	18,300	-4.0%	4.4%
GOVERNMENT	13,600	14,600	13,200	-6.8%	3.0%
FEDERAL	2,100	2,200	2,200	-4.5%	-4.5%
STATE & LOCAL	11,500	12,400	11,000	-7.3%	4.5%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,550	30,700	29,300	-3.7%	0.9%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,650	1,500	1,900	10.0%	-13.2%
MANUFACTURING	1,800	1,800	1,700	0.0%	5.9%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,500	1,500	1,550	0.0%	-3.2%
TRADE	8,250	8,450	8,200	-2.4%	0.6%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,550	1,550	1,500	0.0%	3.3%
RETAIL TRADE	6,700	6,900	6,700	-2.9%	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,150	1,150	1,150	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	6,900	6,900	6,700	0.0%	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,300	9,400	8,100	-11.7%	2.5%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	37,550	37,250	37,200	0.8%	0.9%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,700	1,600	1,800	6.3%	-5.6%
MANUFACTURING	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	0.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
TRADE	9,900	9,800	9,900	1.0%	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	7,800	7,700	7,700	1.3%	1.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,700	0.0%	-2.9%
SERVICES	10,700	10,700	10,300	0.0%	3.9%
GOVERNMENT	8,700	8,600	8,700	1.2%	0.0%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84=100)

	Annual Average 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	Percent Change From May 1988	Percent Change From June 1987
All Items	113.6	118.0	117.5	113.5	0.4%	4.0%
Food & Beverage	113.5	117.6	117.1	113.8	0.4%	3.3%
Housing	114.2	118.6	117.7	114.3	0.8%	3.8%
Apparel & Upkeep	110.6	114.6	116.3	109.3	-1.5%	4.8%
Transportation	105.4	108.5	108.1	105.4	0.4%	2.9%
Medical Care	130.1	138.2	137.5	129.9	0.5%	6.4%
Entertainment	115.3	120.1	119.7	114.9	0.3%	4.5%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	Percent Change From May 1988	Percent Change From June 1987
All Commodities	102.8	107.4	106.5	103.0	0.8%	4.3%
Farm Products & Processed Food and Feeds	103.7	111.3	108.1	105.5	3.0%	5.5%
Industrial Commodities	102.6	106.5	106.1	102.4	0.4%	4.0%

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	417.58	414.73	405.66	41.1	40.9	41.1	10.16	10.14	9.87
Durable Goods	447.91	444.94	434.51	41.9	41.7	41.7	10.69	10.67	10.42
Nondurable Goods	376.94	373.86	367.13	40.1	39.9	40.3	9.40	9.37	9.11
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	336.20	330.65	322.10	39.6	38.9	38.3	8.49	8.50	8.41
Durable Goods	368.33	367.69	355.19	41.2	40.9	40.5	8.94	8.99	8.77
Nondurable Goods	312.19	304.50	298.00	38.4	37.5	36.7	8.13	8.12	8.12
Food & Kindred	324.39	318.11	292.86	39.9	38.7	36.2	8.13	8.22	8.09
Printing and Publishing	267.55	256.94	254.81	31.7	30.3	30.7	8.44	8.48	8.30
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	335.16	323.47	311.54	39.9	38.1	37.0	8.40	8.49	8.42
Durable Goods	329.57	324.31	332.81	39.9	38.7	39.2	8.26	8.38	8.49
Nondurable Goods	339.95	321.38	296.30	39.9	37.5	35.4	8.52	8.57	8.37

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
Divide	1,580	1,421	1,588	1,553	1,396	1,551	27	25	37	1.7%	1.8%	2.3%
McKenzie	3,076	2,955	3,177	2,965	2,859	2,990	111	96	187	3.6%	3.2%	5.9%
Williams	11,277	10,862	11,950	10,749	10,348	10,966	528	514	984	4.7%	4.7%	8.2%
REGION 1	15,933	15,238	16,715	15,267	14,603	15,507	666	635	1,208	4.2%	4.2%	7.2%
Bottineau	3,797	3,643	3,901	3,647	3,495	3,677	150	148	224	4.0%	4.1%	5.7%
Burke	1,406	1,395	1,471	1,345	1,347	1,370	61	48	101	4.3%	3.4%	6.9%
McHenry	2,812	2,772	2,873	2,616	2,558	2,598	196	214	275	7.0%	7.7%	9.6%
Mountrail	3,452	3,311	3,488	3,238	3,129	3,209	214	182	279	6.2%	5.5%	8.0%
Pierce	2,688	2,544	2,718	2,611	2,458	2,612	77	86	106	2.9%	3.4%	3.9%
Renville	1,299	1,292	1,322	1,256	1,244	1,244	43	48	78	3.3%	3.7%	5.9%
Ward	26,375	25,680	26,656	25,243	24,566	25,312	1,132	1,114	1,344	4.3%	4.3%	5.0%
REGION 2	41,829	40,637	42,429	39,956	38,797	40,022	1,873	1,840	2,407	4.5%	4.5%	5.7%
Benson	3,284	3,154	3,365	3,088	3,013	3,026	196	141	339	6.0%	4.5%	10.1%
Cavalier	2,826	2,782	2,836	2,713	2,646	2,673	113	136	163	4.0%	4.9%	5.7%
Eddy	1,513	1,465	1,568	1,407	1,360	1,433	106	105	135	7.0%	7.2%	8.6%
Ramsey	6,826	6,655	6,872	6,573	6,416	6,565	253	239	307	3.7%	3.6%	4.5%
Rolette	4,863	4,841	5,107	3,946	4,029	4,330	917	812	777	18.9%	16.8%	15.2%
Towner	1,832	1,806	1,845	1,794	1,771	1,783	38	35	62	2.1%	1.9%	3.4%
REGION 3	21,144	20,703	21,593	19,521	19,235	19,810	1,623	1,468	1,783	7.7%	7.1%	8.3%
Grand Forks	36,675	37,297	36,130	35,395	36,074	34,843	1,280	1,223	1,287	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%
Nelson	2,010	1,955	2,044	1,927	1,863	1,948	83	92	96	4.1%	4.7%	4.7%
Pembina	5,211	5,051	5,201	4,889	4,745	4,781	322	306	420	6.2%	6.1%	8.1%
Walsh	8,228	8,041	8,250	7,882	7,748	7,769	346	293	481	4.2%	3.6%	5.8%
REGION 4	52,124	52,344	51,625	50,093	50,430	49,341	2,031	1,914	2,284	3.9%	3.7%	4.4%
Cass	60,677	61,036	59,940	59,403	59,841	58,317	1,274	1,195	1,623	2.1%	2.0%	2.7%
Ransom	2,854	2,747	2,841	2,783	2,672	2,769	71	75	72	2.5%	2.7%	2.5%
Richland	9,238	8,672	8,977	8,892	8,373	8,638	346	299	339	3.7%	3.4%	3.8%
Sargent	2,665	2,537	2,651	2,606	2,471	2,562	59	66	89	2.2%	2.6%	3.4%
Steele	1,265	1,220	1,218	1,233	1,192	1,170	32	28	48	2.5%	2.3%	3.9%
Traill	4,502	4,373	4,546	4,289	4,180	4,341	213	193	205	4.7%	4.4%	4.5%
REGION 5	81,201	80,585	80,173	79,206	78,729	77,797	1,995	1,856	2,376	2.5%	2.3%	3.0%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987
Barnes	6,462	6,147	6,478	6,236	5,912	6,267	226	235	211	3.5%	3.8%	3.3%
Dickey	3,269	3,203	3,339	3,164	3,095	3,226	105	108	113	3.2%	3.4%	3.4%
Foster	2,217	2,197	2,237	2,145	2,122	2,131	72	75	106	3.2%	3.4%	4.7%
Griggs	1,594	1,534	1,563	1,560	1,503	1,536	34	31	27	2.1%	2.0%	1.7%
La Moure	2,482	2,454	2,509	2,416	2,380	2,436	66	74	73	2.7%	3.0%	2.9%
Logan	1,523	1,464	1,503	1,490	1,431	1,479	33	33	24	2.2%	2.3%	1.6%
McIntosh	2,397	2,303	2,346	2,359	2,274	2,296	38	29	50	1.6%	1.3%	2.1%
Stutsman	12,562	12,095	12,625	12,187	11,732	12,114	375	363	511	3.0%	3.0%	4.0%
Wells	3,001	2,979	3,010	2,841	2,831	2,855	160	148	155	5.3%	5.0%	5.1%
REGION 6	35,507	34,376	35,610	34,398	33,280	34,340	1,109	1,096	1,270	3.1%	3.2%	3.6%
Burleigh	33,242	32,407	33,570	31,915	31,132	32,013	1,327	1,275	1,557	4.0%	3.9%	4.6%
Emmons	2,299	2,215	2,293	2,211	2,112	2,209	88	103	84	3.8%	4.7%	3.7%
Grant	2,086	1,991	2,021	2,019	1,925	1,935	67	66	86	3.2%	3.3%	4.3%
Kidder	1,623	1,549	1,606	1,542	1,465	1,513	81	84	93	5.0%	5.4%	5.8%
McLean	5,084	5,115	4,951	4,799	4,918	4,657	285	197	294	5.6%	3.9%	5.9%
Mercer	5,789	5,471	5,798	5,454	5,212	5,407	335	259	391	5.8%	4.7%	6.7%
Morton	12,271	11,930	12,331	11,693	11,407	11,730	578	523	601	4.7%	4.4%	4.9%
Oliver	1,225	1,144	1,173	1,154	1,109	1,115	71	35	58	5.8%	3.1%	4.9%
Sheridan	1,260	1,183	1,196	1,206	1,129	1,157	54	54	39	4.3%	4.6%	3.3%
Sioux	1,438	1,373	1,410	1,288	1,313	1,247	150	60	163	10.4%	4.4%	11.6%
REGION 7	66,317	64,378	66,349	63,281	61,722	62,983	3,036	2,656	3,366	4.6%	4.1%	5.1%
Adams	1,749	1,699	1,813	1,720	1,667	1,761	29	32	52	1.7%	1.9%	2.9%
Billings	978	756	1,034	956	735	1,013	22	21	21	2.2%	2.8%	2.0%
Bowman	2,270	2,145	2,263	2,213	2,098	2,201	57	47	62	2.5%	2.2%	2.7%
Dunn	1,835	1,757	1,803	1,698	1,656	1,650	137	101	153	7.5%	5.7%	8.5%
Golden Valley	1,033	1,026	1,065	1,009	1,006	1,029	24	20	36	2.3%	1.9%	3.4%
Hettinger	2,050	1,955	2,022	1,967	1,873	1,933	83	82	89	4.0%	4.2%	4.4%
Slope	490	443	474	473	433	443	17	10	31	3.5%	2.3%	6.5%
Stark	12,022	11,530	12,470	11,512	11,039	11,727	510	491	743	4.2%	4.3%	6.0%
REGION 8	22,427	21,311	22,944	21,548	20,507	21,757	879	804	1,187	3.9%	3.8%	5.2%
STATE TOTAL	336,482	329,572	337,438	323,270	317,303	321,557	13,212	12,269	15,881	3.9%	3.7%	4.7%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	June 1988	May 1988	June 1987	Percent Change From May 1988	Percent Change From June 1987
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	123,158	122,692	121,326	0.4%	1.5%
Employment	116,703	115,909	114,018	0.7%	2.4%
Unemployment	6,455	6,783	7,308	-4.8%	-11.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.5%	6.0%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	336,480	329,570	337,440	2.1%	-0.3%
Employment	323,270	317,300	321,560	1.9%	0.5%
Unemployment	13,210	12,270	15,880	7.7%	-16.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.7%	4.7%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	86,880	87,340	85,120	-0.5%	2.1%
Employment	84,720	85,410	82,260	-0.8%	3.0%
Unemployment	2,160	1,930	2,860	11.9%	-24.5%
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	2.2%	3.4%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,680	37,290	36,130	-1.6%	1.5%
Employment	35,400	36,070	34,840	-1.9%	1.6%
Unemployment	1,280	1,220	1,290	4.9%	-0.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	45,520	44,340	45,900	2.7%	-0.8%
Employment	43,610	42,540	43,740	2.5%	-0.3%
Unemployment	1,910	1,800	2,160	6.1%	-11.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	4.1%	4.7%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

MAY 1988
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	329.6	368.5	2,335.0	407.5
Employment	317.3	357.5	2,259.7	379.5
Unemployment	12.3	11.0	75.3	28.0
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.0%	3.2%	6.9%

D E F I N I T I O N S

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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